

REMARKS

Applicants elected claims 1-24. However, the Office Action indicates that claims 22-31 have been withdrawn from consideration. Of these claims, claims 25-31 have been canceled, however, claims 22-24 have apparently not been considered and therefore Applicants respectfully request consideration of these claims, i.e. an indication that these claims are either rejected or allowed.

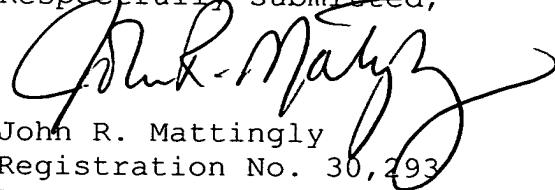
Claims 1-4 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer rendering moot the rejection of these claims. Accordingly, claims 5-19 and 21, which were indicated as being allowed, are pending with claims 22-24.

The Title of the Invention has been amended as required by the Examiner. Further, the suggested claims amendments to claims 5 and 21 have been adopted.

The rejection of claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph has been rendered moot by the cancellation of the claim.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks,  
reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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